to meet efficiently domestic requirements and/or to become competitive in the export market.

Oil structure in Mizoram

1599. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that oil has been struck in Mizoram during the last few months; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Memorandum submitted by Consumer Associations seeking changes in MRTP Regulations pertaining of the Procedure of Inquiries

1600. SHRI KAILASH PATI MISHRA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether consumer associations recognised under the MRTP Act have presented a memorandum to the MRTP Commission seeking changes in MRTP regulations to make the procedure of inquiries conducive to giving a full hearing to consumers and their associations;

(b) what are the broad details of each of the amendments suggested in the memorandum and the response of Government thereto; and

(c) whether any of the suggestions require any amendment of the Act itself or the rules framed thereunder; if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) to (c) The MRTP Commission has received a memorandum from a consumers' association seeking changes in and simplification of the MRTP Commission Regulations, 1974. Some of the main points made in the memorandum are locus-standi of the consumer/consumers' association as the complainant, rights of the complainant and his greater role in enquiry proceedings, multiplicity of proceedings, need for summary procedure for small claims, rigid application of CPC Rules, widening of the definition of 'authorised representative', need for regulating adjournments etc.

The memorandum is under consideration of the Commission.

Recovery of overcharged amounts from Drug Companies

1601. SHRI BEKAL UTSAHI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 1391 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 9th May, 1988 and state:

(a) what are the reasons for the recovery of only Rs. 50 lakhs against the total amount which has been worked out around Rs. 10 crores being overcharged by 8 companies;

(b) what efforts have been made by his Ministry during the last two years to recover the balance amount;

(c) what are the reasons for the delay in recovering the amount;

(d) whether there is any proposal to transfer the work of recovery to the Ministry of Finance; and

(e) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) to (c) No amount [except Rs. 50 lakhs paid by M/s. Fulford (India) Ltd. as directed by the court] has so far been received as the parties have disputed the amount.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.